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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR AUSTAD

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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. ONLY THOSE OF US WHO HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO
WATCH YOU AT WORK, TO READ YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO THE
DEPARTMENT AND TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, AND TO WITNESS
YOUR BRILLIANT ABILITY TO GET INTERNATIONAL LEADERS
THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES, IS TO REALIZE WHAT AN
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE MADE TO WORLD STATES-
MANSHIP.

2. AS A THIRTY-FIVE YEAR VETERAN OF WASHINGTON, I HAVE
SEEN YOUR PREDECESSORS COME AND GO. BIASED, THOUGH I
CONFESS I AM, IN MY ESTIMATION YOU HAVE NO PEERS. I AM
HOPEFUL OUR PATHS WILL CROSS OFTEN AS OUR NEW LIVES UNROLL.

3. I PLAN TO LECTURE IN CONSTITUTION HALL FEBRUARY 3 AND
4 FOR NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. NOTHING WOULD BE MORE
PLEASING THAN TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR LOVELY LADY SEE FINLAND
THROUGH THE EYES OF THE AMBASSADOR YOU GAMBLED ON BY ASSIGNING
HIM TO THIS GUTSY LITTLE COUNTRY.

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